



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

June 18, 2004

To: Interested Persons

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Subject: HIV Rule Review - Stakeholder Meetings

In September 2003, the State Board of Health filed public notice of the intent to review certain HIV-related sections of chapters 246-100 and 246-101 of the Washington Administrative Code. It has asked the Department of Health to recommend proposed changes in collaboration with the Board and other partners.

This rule review is a part of a larger HIV Policy Review process initiated in August 2003 in response to reports and recommendations received during 2001-2003. In January and February 2004, stakeholder meetings were held to receive additional comments specific to the scope of this rule review: counseling and testing; partner notification; and blood borne pathogens. Other groups and organizations were then invited to provide additional comments.

Further written comments and published recommendations from federal agencies and other authorities were also reviewed.

After review of comments, *Draft 1 of Proposed Changes* was developed. Prior to formal consideration of changes in administrative code by the State Board of Health, representatives of the Board and the Department of Health are seeking comments on *Draft 1 of Proposed Changes*. To permit participation from various parts of the state, four stakeholder meetings have been scheduled so that Board and DOH staff can receive comments on *Draft 1 of Proposed Changes*. Please see the Stakeholder Meeting Announcement for meeting dates, times and locations.

Draft 1 of Proposed Changes is now available at:
http://www.doh.wa.gov/cfh/HIV_AIDS/Prev_Edu/HIV_Policy_Review.htm

To obtain a printed copy of *Draft 1 of Proposed Changes* please contact Susan Richardson at 360-236-3434 or at susan.richardson@doh.wa.gov.

For those unable to attend one of the meetings, written comments received by July 31, 2004 will be considered. The Stakeholder Meeting Announcement includes directions for submitting comments.

Attachment

HIV RULE REVIEW STAKEHOLDER MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Meeting Purpose: Gain community, public health, and other perspectives on the proposed changes to state rules designed to:

1. Increase the proportion of HIV-infected persons who know their HIV status
2. Increase the proportion of persons exposed to HIV who are informed of that exposure
3. Address the prevention and control of blood borne infections other than HIV

Rules considered in this review include:

- WAC 246-100-072--Rules for notification of partners at risk of HIV infection
- WAC 246-100-206 through 209--Sexually transmitted diseases and HIV/AIDS counseling and testing standards
- WAC 246-101-505 Duties of the local health officer or the local health department
- WAC 246-101-520--Special conditions--HIV and AIDS

Other sections of chapters 246-100 and 246-101 WAC may be added to this review as necessary for consistency with *Draft 1 of Proposed Changes*.

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Meeting dates, times and locations are presented on the reverse.

Written Comments

Comments received by July 31, 2004 will be considered. Comments may be sent by regular mail, fax or email to:

HIV Rule Review, Post Office Box 47840, Olympia, Washington 98504-7840

fax: 360-236-3400, Attention: HIV Rule Review

email: john.peppert@doh.wa.gov

For email submissions, please include HIV Rule Review in the Subject line.

It is anticipated that additional stakeholder meetings will be scheduled for later in the summer or the early fall of 2004.

HIV RULE REVIEW STAKEHOLDER MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Date: July 9, 2004
Time: 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Location: Red Lion – Yakima Center
Upper Terrace
607 East Yakima Avenue
Yakima, Washington

Date: July 13, 2004
Time: 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Location: WestCoast Ridpath Hotel
Terrace Rooms A and B
515 W. Sprague
Spokane, Washington

Date: July 21, 2004
Time: 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Location: Seattle Central Community College
Room 1110
Seattle, Washington

Date: July 23, 2004
Time: 1:00 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Location: Saint Martin's College
Worthington Conference Center
5300 Pacific Avenue SE
Lacey, Washington

Meeting locations will be barrier free. If you need special accommodations, please contact Harla Eichenberger by June 30, 2004 at 360-236-3424.